

AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Page i, lines 5 to 24, please rewrite the paragraphs thereat as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of International Application PCT/JP02/05898 filed on ~~July 13, 2002~~ June 13, 2002 and published as WO 02/102807 A1 on December 27, 2002, which application claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2001-179801 filed June 14, 2001.

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It is noted that in this disclosure and particularly in the claims, terms such as “comprises”, “comprised”, “comprising” and the like can have the meaning attributed to it in U.S. Patent law; e.g., they can mean “includes”, “included”, “including”, and the like; and that terms such as “consisting essentially of” and “consists essentially of” have the meaning ascribed to them in U.S. Patent law, e.g., they allow for elements not explicitly recited, but exclude elements that are found in the prior art or that affect a basic or novel characteristic of the invention.

Page 22, lines 5-7, please rewrite the paragraph thereat as follows:

In these formulae, [固] ○ indicates a solid-phase carrier, and the other symbols have the same meanings as above.